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SUBJECT: Alexis SUNKO (or SUNKO)

1. The following information was received from Father  
Marcel van GUTSEN on 13 March 1951.

2. Alexis SUNKO during the second World War was  
a medic with the Soviet Army, whether as former PW  
or as refugee he remained in the West after the end of  
the war.

SUNKO was closely connected with alleged Soviet agent  
Josef KARPO, who until March or April 1950 - he was then  
approximately 26 years old, and originated from Leningrad -  
lived as a DP in Western Austria. KARPO, according to  
information received by Father van GUTSEN from FIB members,  
was in permanent contact until his repatriation to the  
Soviet Union with the Soviet Repatriation Commission in  
Salzburg. KARPO was considered very intelligent. Also  
after his repatriation SUNKO remained in contact with  
KARPO, but no material evidence could be established  
so far.

3. In summer 1949, Alexis SUNKO approached Father van  
GUTSEN, pretending that he wanted to become a priest.  
For a period of approximately 6 months he worked with  
Father van GUTSEN on caritative affairs, but Father van  
GUTSEN never trusted him. When derogatory signs increased  
Father van GUTSEN parted from SUNKO.

SUNKO now became affiliated with Alexander Krumm-Prinze  
LIEVEN, a representative of Church World Service,

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ZURKO also approached a number of Orthodox priests slandering Father van CUTSEM by stating that Father van CUTSEM endeavored to convert Orthodox members by force and bribe. ZURKO succeeded in creating a tense feeling between certain Orthodox (non-unified) priests towards Father van CUTSEM, although nobody honestly believed ZURKO's murder story.

As a next step ZURKO - it is still unknown, whether directly or thru middle-men - denounced Father van CUTSEM both with CIC and Austrian police.

Only some days ago Father van CUTSEM, when at DP camp Hellbrunn, was openly accosted by ZURKO.

4. Father van CUTSEM was informed by CIC Salzburg that it would be wise to avoid meeting ZURKO, who might plan something against him.

5. Since Father van CUTSEM is regarded a powerful enemy by the Soviets, and since it does not seem improbable that ZURKO works under Soviet orders, it would seem advisable to investigate ZURKO under two possible aspects

- a- either ZURKO is mentally unsane, in which case he would better be taken care of at a lunatic asylum, or
- b- ZURKO acts as a Soviet agent, in which case it is possible that he is ordered primarily to slander or even to make an attempt on Father van CUTSEM. In such case ZURKO must be regarded a dangerous threat.

6. May your assistance be called for. A reply would greatly oblige.